12.00 hrs.

Statement Correcting Reply To USQ NO. 1259, Dated 4.3.1992,Re. Allotment of Land to Co-Operative Housing Societies .

[*English*]

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT. (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): In reply to part (a) and (d) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1259 for 4th March, 1992 asked by Shri Probin Deka, M. P. regarding *allotment of land to Cooperative Housing* Societies, some typographical errors have occured, The correct answer may be read as under:-

(a) in line 5 of the reply to part (a) of the Question the date mentioned as 10.6.91 may be read as 10.5.91.

(b) for the existing answer to part (d) of the Question, the following may be substituted:

"As on date 1450 Group Housing Societies are awaiting allotment of land".

Inconvenience caused to the Sabha is regretted. The delay occurred as the error came to notice recently

12.01 hrs.

RE. PRESIDENT YASSER ARAFAT

[*Translation*]

SHRI HARI KISHORE SINGH (Sheohar): Mr. Speaker, sir, I would like to draw your attention as well as the Trar of the House to a very infortank matter. Today, early in the morning a news was received that while the internationally renowned personality and one of the greatest friend of India Shri Yasser Arafat was going from sudan to Libya, his aeroplane disappered in the desert of Libya....*(Interruptions)*.All right, the news came in the evening. The President of Libya Cd. Gaddafi has appealed to the international community to provide assistance in locating the aeroplane, I would urge upon the Government of India to provide full assistance and to pray for his safety. He has been the best friend of India and the helped us at the time of need...*(Interruptions)*

[English]

SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA (Bankura): The House is concerned about this happening. *(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER: Please take your seats.

(Interruptions)

SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE (Bolpur): The House should express its great concern.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): Mr. Speaker, the right hon. Member and we also heard the news this morning with great concern that the aircraft of President Arafat had been missing somewhere over the Sahara Desert in Southern Libya. The point is that Libya and particularly Tunisia where the headquarters of PLO are located is about three to four hours behind us in time. Just now the day break is taking place there. In the meanwhile, we understand that strenuous efforts are being made to trace the aircraft. I would like to express our anxiety and the anxiety of the House and the anxiety of the Government of India and our concern for the welfare of President Arafat. We are in touch with our Embassy in Tunis which is the headquarters of the PLO and we are trying to ascertain the latest information about the aircraft.

SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE: Give it to the House.

SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO: We shall do that.

MR. SPEAKER: At this point of time, we cannot say anything more than this. Let us hope and pray for the good news.